

CHURCH NEWS.

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the pastor a larger salary than they thought they could pay any pastor before, and in addition to this, they have put about \$900 worth of improvements on the church property, and are now owing only about \$300 on the completed work. Rev. Joe Hagins, Lexington, Ky., the Synodical Evangelist for Kentucky Synod, spent ten days, March 12th to 22d, in a special series of meetings, which were very much enjoyed by those who attended. He is a good, sound gospel preacher and good worker, and we hope to have him again some time. There were many things against which we had to work, but we believe much and lasting good was done while he was with us.

Canoe: The Brooks Memorial Institute at Canoe, in the mountains of Kentucky, has had a successful year under Mrs. Seldon Turner as principal, with her two assistants, Miss McCracken and Miss Brouse. The closing exercises were held on Wednesday, March 8th. Large crowds were present, and the children in the public exercises gave evidence of the most careful instruction, training and drilling. The fall and winter sessions hold out before this school the most promising prospects. Rev. J. W. Tyler, D. D., Superintendent of the Assembly's Mountain Work, preached a gospel sermon at the close of the exercises, and there were seven who accepted the Saviour and were baptized by him and received into the church. For several years there have been from four to eight additions to this church on the closing day of the school, the Christian instruction being thoroughly given with instruction in other studies.

Mt. Victory: Rev. J. W. Tyler, D. D., of Winchester, recently closed a series of meetings at this place. We had almost continuous rain and unsuitable weather. The house was full from the first night. Dr. Tyler riveted the attention of the congregation on the gospel message at every service, and I never saw better conduct than we had all the time. Nineteen united with the Presbyterian church and one will join the Baptist church. People here are now of the belief that a strong church can be built here, and they were greatly delighted with Dr. Tyler's preaching. It was the true gospel presented in the very best way, and these mountain people believed it as preached.

David Jones.

LOUISIANA.

Oakdale: This town has just experienced the greatest spiritual revival in its history. Evangelist M. F. Ham, of Anchorage, Ky., ably assisted by his singer, Mr. Ramsay, of Chattanooga, began a union meeting, in which all the local pastors and churches co-operated in a most cordial manner, February 22d, and closed Sunday, March 26th. A tabernacle with capacity for four thousand was erected for the meeting. It was nearly filled at many of the services. Mr. Ham preached twice daily, three times each Sunday. Cottage prayer meetings for women and prayer services for men in business houses were held each afternoon. He is an evangelist of intense earnestness, wide experience, pleasing personality, depth of conviction, and unusual power in preaching. The preaching was thought-provoking, heart-searching and fearless. His terrible arraignment of sin produced a very general and deep conviction, and with singular loyalty to Jesus he pointed the sinner to Him as both Saviour and

Lord. Christians were brought nearer to Jesus, and large numbers were converted and united with the churches. The Spirit of God seems to have gripped the whole town as never before, and to God all give praise. About twenty members have been received into the Presbyterian church; several are yet to be received. At the close of the meeting the local pastors were very generously remembered by the people with a substantial contribution.

W. C. Tenney, Pastor.

MISSOURI.

St. Joseph: The First church, Rev. Bunyan McLeod, D. D., pastor, closed one of the best years in its history. Briefly, it is as follows: Membership, 675; added during year, 89; total gifts for benevolences, \$19,242 (of this amount the Woman's Auxiliary contributed \$6,021); total for current expenses, \$22,233, making a total for all purposes of \$41,475.

MISSISSIPPI.

Meridian: The First church, of which Rev. Dr. A. A. Little is pastor, recently received two members by letter.

Mississippi Synodical College: The commencement sermon will be preached by Rev. Charles M. Boyd, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Dr. Boyd was born and reared within a few miles of Holly Springs, and has a host of friends who will welcome him back.

R. F. Cooper, Pres.

Gulfport: This church, of which Rev. Dr. C. S. Newman is pastor, has received seven new members, including three new families. The foundation of the new church building has been completed and the walls are being built. The new building is needed to accommodate the large congregation, including many college boys and girls.

OKLAHOMA.

Idabel: One new member was received into this church last Sunday.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Reidsville: On the second Sunday of March we ordained three new elders and three deacons. The elders were Robert S. Montgomery, W. F. Burton and Professor P. H. Guynn, Jr. The deacons, E. L. Knight, Watt Womack and Irvin Delancy. This now makes the number of elders ten and deacons nine. Our new pastor, Marion S. Huske, has been with our church since last November, and he has won the hearts and full co-operation of the entire congregation. He is not only a fine preacher, but a good mixer, and the attendance on the church services and Sunday school has wonderfully increased, and the people greatly enjoy his gospel sermons. The work on the new church building is making good progress, and we hope to have it completed in the next sixty days. Orders for the pews, electric fixtures and new pipe organ have all been given, and when all are installed and the building completed we will have a handsome modern church building that will be a credit not only to our congregation, but to our progressive city.

Gastonia: The West Avenue church on March 26th within two hours time oversubscribed her 1922-23 benevolent and current expense budgets by 10 per cent. The treasurer's report for the past year shows that the benevolent budget for the year has been 25 per cent. overpaid. The report of the church to the spring meet-

ing of Presbytery shows 100 additions to the church membership, sixty by profession and forty by letter—one addition to every two members. With a church membership of 210, the Sunday school has an enrollment of 365. The four Christian Endeavor Societies of the church have 100 members. The church has forty family altars, seventy-four tithers, and the "Survey" is taken in every home. The Woman's Auxiliary has plans to put the Church paper in every home within the next few months. The church accepted and pledged herself to achieve, if possible, many interesting goals for the new Church year. The Progressive Program is organized on the four-fold plan, and all departments are hard at work. During the eighteen months' pastorate of the present pastor, Rev. R. C. Long, the membership of the church has had a net increase of 300 per cent., and the financial standing of church in both current expenses and benevolences has increased 500 per cent.

West End: We held services for the first time in our new church at this point on Sunday, March 26th. The congregation has cause to be proud of their splendid building. Besides the auditorium, it has four Sunday school class-rooms furnished, with three others available whenever needed. The church is brick veneer with oak finish throughout the interior. The church, when completed, lighting plant and furnace, will cost around \$10,000, which represents a very fine liberality and loyalty on the part of a small congregation. West End is a growing community in the famous peach belt of the sand hills. New families of a splendid grade are coming to this section yearly. We would be glad to have you come, too.

R. G. M.

Norwood: Rev. C. E. White, of Marshville, conducted a meeting for us recently, preaching splendid sermons, which doubtless made a lasting impression on the whole town. The closing night we received two on profession and two by letter. The next Sunday the pastor, Rev. J. W. Stork, received nine young people from the Sabbath school on profession of faith and baptism. Our church has been built up spiritually and numerically, for which we give God the glory. Rev. W. M. Hunter, of Davidson, spent the third Sunday of March with us and preached two strong sermons on Christian Education.

Mt. Gilead: Rev. D. B. Green, of Albemarle, was with us in a revival from the third through the fourth Sundays of March, which really built up the entire congregation in faith and fidelity to the church. Every sermon was a soul-stirring message. One was received on profession and one by letter.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Chester: During the winter months Purity church has been carrying out the general plan of the Presbyterian Progressive Program. In December, after the presentation of the tithe, seventy promised to tithe their income by signing the cards that were then and there distributed. In February, after a strong and persuasive sermon by the pastor, Dr. Flournoy Shepperson, on "Religion in the Home," over one hundred signed cards to erect family altars in their homes, thirty-five of these being new altars. Thorough preparation was made for the Every-Member Canvass by sermons from the pulpit, distribution of tithe literature over a period of three weeks, and the observance of the Week of Prayer in art-

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WOMAN'S WORK.

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of the First church for the coming year to succeed Mrs. C. H. Nabers, who refused to be considered for a second term. During the past twelve months the ladies have contributed more than \$1,600 to the local and benevolent causes of the church through the Auxiliary. This is more than twice as much as the ladies have ever raised before in a church year.

NORFOLK PRESBYTERIAL.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Norfolk Presbytery will be held in the First Presbyterian church, Norfolk, Va., April 13-15, 1922.

Names of delegates should be sent Mrs. R. E. deJarnette, 420 Fairfax Avenue, Norfolk, that entertainment may be provided.

VIRGINIA PRESBYTERIALS.

The speakers at the Virginia Presbyterian Auxiliary meetings this year are Rev. W. H. Hudson, D. D., of China; Mrs. Seldon Turner, of Canoe, Ky., and Miss Grace Hamilton, Bible teacher.

WHAT ONE CIRCLE DID.

Twelve teen-age girls accomplished the following work in the past circle year, 1921-22: Delivered ten packages reading matter to jail and hospitals; fifty books sent to State penitentiary; fifty spools of thread for the Red Cross; one basket clothing for Red Cross; made one quilt; made twelve garments for Lynchburg Orphanage; sent eighteen records for Mission Court; sold one thousand T. B. stamps; \$25 contributed for gift to friend; one love box of useful articles to a sister in distress; thirteen articles sent a school girl in the country; one hundred visits paid to sick and strangers; \$25 worth of Korean fancy work sold; one inspirational meeting, showing the brides of different nations in costume, accompanied by brief sketch of wedding customs, of countries represented. We have no plan for the coming year, but suppose we will take up "training for leadership."

Etta Boyd Harless,

Circle Seven.

Christiansburg, Va.

PLEASANT RIDGE, ALA.

The Ladies' Auxiliary was entertained on March 9th by its youngest member, Miss Mary Diggs Summer-ville, who is our treasurer of benevolence.

Rev. J. C. McQueen, the pastor, came over from Aliceville, and gave the ladies the benefit of an excellent talk on "The Triumphs of the Gospel in the Belgian Congo," a book of wonderful information, and with Mr. McQueen's valuable exposition of it, we received a living, breathing picture of our mission in Africa, its hindrances, its countless needs, its progress and its attractive features.

Having spent some time on the Congo field, Mr. McQueen is well fitted to make an impressive talk on this subject, and so vivid was the reality of the situation that the Congo Mission will ever be a more live issue with our members.

The historic church at Pleasant Ridge has pushed "to the lead" in Auxiliary work, meeting its obligations to all Church causes as in the past, when there were many more church members to carry the burden.

There was a free-will offering at this meeting of \$8.55.

During the social hour that followed Miss Mary Diggs served delicious refreshments, making the occasion a feast of fat things materially as well as spiritually.

Mrs. M. Archabald.